

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action dated February 22, 2011, the Examiner indicated that Applicants' Amendment dated February 10, 2011, would not be entered since it presented new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Accordingly, Applicants have submitted a Request for Continued Examination herewith to have the Examiner enter and consider the Amendment dated February 10, 2011. The pending rejection should be withdrawn for the reasons provided in the Amendment dated February 10, 2011, and for the additional reasons provided below.

Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 11, 13, and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,591,814 to Muroi et al. view of SU 852914 to Karkozov et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As explained in the Amendment dated February 10, 2011, the cited art fails to disclose or suggest the claimed dispersoid that "consists of (b) a compound present as solid particles in a continuous phase at ambient temperatures and having two or more primary amino groups in a molecule, and the compound having two or more amino groups in a molecule is an aromatic amine compound having a benzoxazole structure."

In the Advisory Action dated February 22, 2011, the Examiner seems to indicate that the Amendment filed February 10, 2011, would appear to overcome the pending rejection. However, the Examiner states that Muroi does disclose the "primary amino groups" as recited in claim 1. Specifically the Examiner states:

Regarding the previously unrepresented limitation "primary amino groups" (line 6 of claim 1), Muroi teaches this feature (Muroi col. 6, lines 50-53). However, the previously unrepresented limitation "consisting of" in line 5, requires the particles to have only one amine component. The solid particle curing agents in Muroi (USPN 5,591,814) comprise additional components aside from the amine. Therefore either further search for prior art having a amine-only curing component, or further consideration regarding a rationale for removal of the extra components in Muroi is necessary to address this limitation.

Muroi teaches that monofunctional epoxy compounds alone can be combined with the primary amine compounds as follows: "Thus, while the amine compounds having only one active hydrogen can be combined with any kind of epoxy compounds, monofunctional epoxy compounds alone can be combined with the amine compounds having two or more active hydrogens." Muroi, column 6, lines 49-53.

The present curable composition includes: (a) a compound having two or more epoxy groups in a molecule—namely, a polyfunctional epoxy compound, and (b) a benzoxazole compound having primary amino groups in a molecule. Muroi teaches that only monofunctional epoxy compounds, not polyfunctional compounds, can be combined with primary amine compounds. Accordingly, Muroi teaches away from the present curable composition that includes a compound having two or more epoxy groups and a primary amine compound. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1, 3-5, 8, 11, 13 and 15 should be withdrawn for the reasons stated in the Amendment dated February 10, 2011, and for the additional reasons stated herein.

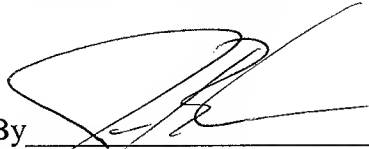
In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief (such as payment of a fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p)) is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of

time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petition and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing **Docket No. 358362011200**.

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